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Sunny but windy and cold today; high in low 30s. Clear tonight; low about 20 in city, 14 in suburbs. Tomorrow fair, rising temperature. (Full report on Page A-2.)
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\$98,923,621 D. C. Budget Sent To House Leaves \$2,534,071 Deficit Despite \$4,400,000 Cut

Shortage Would Rise Another \$10,000,000 If Pay Is Increased

By Don S. Warren

A "bare bones" District budget of \$98,923,621 was sent to the House today by its Appropriations Committee, with nearly \$4,400,000 slashed from the commissioners' estimates in the hope of saving somewhere near balance if no new revenues are provided.

Even the "austerity" budget plan, however, left the city faced with a prospective deficit at the end of the next fiscal year of \$2,534,071.

This does not take into account an extra \$10,000,000 of costs if Congress grants the demanded retroactive pay raises for city employees to put them on the same basis with Federal workers.

\$995,000 Under This Year.
The total of the budget is \$995,000 below the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

For permanent improvements, almost exclusively to continue projects already authorized or started, the committee allowed \$13,713,911, or \$1,827,739 less than the Commissioners had asked. The figures include all three funds, general, highway and water.

Since members of the District Subcommittee that handled the bill did not challenge the justice of the delayed city government pay raises, or even most of the budgeted items that were cut, the whole supply bill action points to the need for expanded city revenues.

Trimmed All Along Line.
In fact, one of its members, Representative Church, Republican, of Illinois, an advocate of the proposed 2 per cent District retail sales tax, insistently asked at the recent executive hearings what the city would do if Congress failed to pass the sales levy. He wanted to show what cuts would have to be made if the new revenue plans failed.

On the ground that the appropriations group must limit the proposed District spending to a level near the prospective revenues, many slashes were made all along the line of city departments.

Minor items and "pet" projects alike felt the pruning knife. In its budget-balancing drive, the House Committee asked for the repeal of an old appropriation of \$1,187,399 for construction of the Spingarn High School Building. Under this move, the former appropriation would be returned to the general fund, and thereby reduce the impending deficit.

This, with the heavy slashes all along the line, the committee said, would reduce the prospective 1950 deficit (not counting on the pay raise costs) to \$2,534,071.

Spirited Battle Expected.
A spirited battle over the proposed omission of the old appropriation for the Spingarn School is expected to develop since this project was designed to relieve overcrowding in some of the existing schools for Negroes.

The congressional plan was drafted by the subcommittee headed by Representative Joe Bates, Democrat, of Kentucky. Other members are Representatives Yates of Illinois and Furcolo of Massachusetts, Democrats, and Church of Illinois and Stockman of Oregon, Republicans.

Their reason for rescinding the 1942 authorization for the Spingarn School was that these funds had been available for several years and the building not yet placed under contract and therefore it might wait a little longer in view of the financial stress.

School officials had asked, at the congressional hearings, that the limit of cost on the Spingarn project be raised from \$2,505,000 to \$3,600,000, because of the swollen costs of construction. This went (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 2.)

Ybarbo Conviction Appealed in Germany

By the Associated Press

WIESBADEN, Germany, Mar. 1.—Defense counsel for Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo, sentenced to 20 years on a charge of killing her soldier husband, told an American Military Government Appeals Court today she should be freed.

Attorney Stanley Gaines held that a lower military government court, which sentenced the young Massachusetts woman under both military government and German law, had no authority to try her. He said dependents of military personnel should be tried by courts-martial instead of by military commissions set up by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, military governor.

The lower court found that Mrs. Ybarbo shot her husband, Sgt. John Ybarbo of Goliad, Tex., during a quarrel in their home after a party last September.

The case gives the appeals court its first chance to rule on whether (1) military government courts can try American civilians under German law and (2) military government courts instead of Army courts-martial can try American civilians in Germany.

Connally Labels Filibuster Curb As 'Obnoxious'

Says Senate Should Remain 'Retreat for Free Discussion'

The Senate filibuster fight went into its second day today as Senator Connally, Democrat, of Texas declared the real purpose of the proposed curb on debate is "to foist upon you obnoxious and harmful legislation."

He described as such legislation the anti-poll tax proposal, the anti-lynching measure and the proposed Federal Fair Employment Practices Committee, all part of President Truman's civil rights program.

The filibuster discussion got under way in a leisurely manner today with the Senate agreeing unanimously on meeting to take time out for introduction of bills, committee reports and insertion of speeches in the Congressional Record. Senator Connally took the floor at 12:22 p.m. He said the Senate is the "last retreat for freedom of discussion of all public questions" and ought to remain so "without impairment and without evasion."

Showdown Due Soon.
While the floor debate continued, indications that a showdown on the Democratic leadership's move to enact an effective filibuster curb will begin late this week.

But it will take the far from certain combined votes of Northern Democrats and Republicans to win the key roll call which Senate Majority Leader Lucas says may come early next week after some complicated parliamentary maneuvers.

President Truman yesterday told Senate leaders he wanted the filibuster issue met head on and Senator Lucas promptly outlined his strategy for winning the fight. This is what he plans:

Probably on Thursday, after a couple of days of Southern oratory, a petition will be filed to invoke cloture, the method of cutting off debate. Vice President Barkley then will be faced with ruling whether such a petition applies to a motion to take up a measure. The Senate now is technically debating whether or not to take up a proposal by its Rules Committee to alter Senate rules and cut off any debate by a two-thirds vote.

If Mr. Barkley rules the cloture petition does apply, as he is expected to rule, the Southerners will appeal from the ruling of the chair. But such an appeal itself is debatable. Hence Senator Lucas, in order to get a showdown roll call, expects to move to table the appeal. A tabling motion is not debatable and a vote must then be taken. This is the roll call the majority leader said late yesterday he thinks will come early next week.

Support for Ruling Uncertain.
However, it is far from certain that a majority of the Senators will vote to back up Vice President Barkley. If they do, the filibuster will be broken because cloture can then be applied to the debate now going on and the rules change itself can be brought to a vote. There appears to be no doubt the change would win if a vote is had.

This proposed change would simply plug the present loophole in the cloture rule by providing that cloture can be applied to any business before the Senate.

Previous presiding officers of the Senate have ruled that cloture does not apply to a motion to take up a resolution, such as the proposed (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 8.)

Pledge of American Aid Given in Australia
By the Associated Press
SYDNEY, Australia, Mar. 1.—The United States would immediately come to the aid of Australia if she were threatened by an aggressor, Brig. Gen. Robert Travis said on his arrival here today.

Gen. Travis, commanding general of the United States Pacific Air Command, is here on a goodwill mission.

The mission will fly to Samoa via Tasmania and New Zealand.

Cold Threatens Peach Crops; Low of 20 Due Here Tonight
Severe damage to Virginia and Maryland peach crops was threatened today as the Weather Bureau forecast temperatures dropping to 20 degrees in the city and 14 in the suburbs tonight.

Most of the peaches and virtually all the apples were believed to have pulled safely through last night's cold, which fell to 23 degrees at National Airport at 3:22 a.m.

This morning's 23 was the coldest temperature recorded here since February 3, when the same minimum was read.

Today's forecast here was for sunny, windy and cold, with a high temperature of about 35 degrees. Tomorrow should be fair with slowly rising temperature.

A 37-mile wind, which reached a gust peak of 48 miles shortly before midnight, added to the general discomfort and to traffic problems.

The wind carried off many hats and, in one instance, resulted in a traffic accident.

Agnes C. Corcoran, 45, of 1712 Lyman Place N.E., was injured when her hat blew off on Fourteenth street between K and L streets N.W. yesterday. Pursuing it into the street, she was struck by a taxicab operated by Alonzo C. Maparaog, 45, of 1225 L street N.W. She was treated at Emergency Hospital for leg injuries and released.

A freak traffic hazard was created this morning when spray from the roof of the Uline Ice plant covered nearly half a block of Third street N.E. in front of the plant. When it froze on the streets, employees covered the slick surface with sand.



Cross-Examination of Axis Sally Begins After She Finishes Story

Witness Laughs Off Kelley's Charge She Lied About Age When Getting Passport in 1929

By James J. Cullinane

The Government today struck Axis Sally in a woman's most vulnerable point—her age—as Chief Prosecutor John M. Kelley forced Mildred E. Gillars, 48, to admit that she swore to a falsehood when she applied for a passport in 1929.

"Why did you lie about your age in 1929?" demanded the prosecutor soon after he began his cross-examination of the small-gray-haired defendant.

"I don't know of any woman who tells the truth about her age," Miss Gillars responded demurely, after Judge Edward M. Curran ordered Mr. Kelley to rephrase his question to make it less blunt.

Mr. Kelley brought out that

Miss Gillars in 1929 listed her age as 20 when she was really 29. "After all, John Barrymore was 35 until he died," Miss Gillars explained airily.

The prosecution launched its cross-examination shortly before noon when Chief Defense Counsel James J. Laughlin completed his direct examination of Miss Gillars, who for three and a half days has been testifying in her own defense at her trial on charges of treason.

Miss Gillars completed her direct testimony with a ringing reaffirmation of previous statements that she remains a loyal and patriotic American and had never intended to betray the United States or to adhere to its enemies while she was broadcasting German propaganda.

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Woman, Two Children U. S. Court Convicts Die as Tourist Cabin

Infant Son of Soldier At Belvoir Rescued From Flames by Neighbor

(Pictures on Page B-1.)
A soldier's wife and two of her small children were burned to death today in a tourist cabin on Route 1, about 10 miles south of Alexandria.

The victims were Mrs. Agnes Ottens, 23, her daughter, Melody Ann, 2½, and son, Danold Edward, 1½.

Another son, Michael, 3 months, was rescued while flames were engulfing the cabin, but not before he was critically burned. He was taken to Fort Belvoir Hospital and later removed to Walter Reed Hospital.

Mrs. Michael Resetar, who with her husband owns the Pine Air Tourist Cabins, said fire departments were not notified until she had a friend drive her to the State police barracks at Groveton, eight miles away.

Before driving to the barracks, Mrs. Resetar said she succeeded in getting the telephone operator on (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 1.)

Late News Bulletin

Economic Program Backed
A toned-down report backing President Truman's program for dealing with economic problems, including stand-by authority over prices and wages, was approved by the Senate-House Economic Committee today. The vote was 7 to 4 on party lines.

Money Is Snatched At Downtown Bank
A man described as 6 feet tall today grabbed a stack of money from a vacant teller's window of the Security Savings and Commercial Bank at Ninth and G streets N.W. and fled from the bank.

The first police report on the money-snatching said the thief got about \$800 from the cash drawer. Police said the man did not use a weapon.

When the man ran out of the crowded bank, police were told, he went east on G street and was last spotted in the 800 block.

Police sent out a lookout for a well-dressed man of about 40, 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 180 pounds and wearing a dark brown hat and brown top coat.

5 in Hungarian Trial Disavow Confessions

Charge Intimidation By Police in Link To Mindszenty Case

By the Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Mar. 1.—Five of the 14 men on trial charged with black market dealings for Josef Cardinal Mindszenty withdrew today their pretrial confessions. They charged instead that police "intimidated" them.

A sixth defendant also withdrew part of his confession. The men were accused of illegal dealings in foreign currency and of "political conspiracy" with the cardinal and others already sentenced.

Cardinal Mindszenty was sentenced to life imprisonment 21 days ago on charges of treason, seeking to overthrow the Communist-controlled government in favor of the Hapsburg monarchy and with illegal speculation in American dollars.

Bulgarian Cleric Charges Chief Denounced Stalin

By Richard Kasichke

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Mar. 1.—One of 15 Bulgarian Protestant churchmen on trial for treason here today accused his superior of having stated from the pulpit that "Stalin is a bloodsucker."

The accusation was made by the Rev. Mitko Dimitrov, 39-year-old Baptist pastor, supervisor of the Baptist Church in Bulgaria.

Both have pleaded guilty to charges of spying for the United States and Britain.

Mr. Naumov, however, is one of four major defendants on whom lesser defendants are trying to place the chief responsibility for their alleged illegal activities.

Last of 15 Confessions.
The last of the accused churchmen went to the stand today and tearfully confessed. The state then began calling witnesses. The clergy men are accused of spying and black market dealings in addition to treason.

Only one of the 15 deviated from a full confession. The Rev. Ladin Popov, 36, a Pentecostal pastor, denied he had been a spy but said in a quaking voice that he was guilty of illegal currency dealings.

The Rev. Angel Dinez, 40, also a Pentecostal preacher, accused his superiors in the church of being leaders of the alleged spy ring. He ended his testimony with the standard utterance of repentance. He asserted he was converted to what he called the rightness of Communism during the three months he has been imprisoned by the secret police.

"I want to thank the security police for showing me for the first time the human Communist," Mr. Dinez said.

The Rev. Alexander Zahariev, 73, a Methodist, was the last and oldest of those on trial. He accused his son-in-law, the Rev. Yanko Ivanov, the Methodist supervisor, of duping him into collecting spy data. The old man said he didn't know the information was wanted by foreign interests, as the Communist state alleges. He said he never was paid for his work and concluded his confession in a burst of tears and sobs.

All defendants have followed the routine of making long confessions (See CHURCHES, Page A-3.)

Gales Lash Europe; At Least 23 Killed
By the Associated Press
LONDON, Mar. 1.—Gales whipped Europe and Britain today, killing at least 23 persons. Scores were injured and heavy property damage resulted from the tail end lash of a mild winter.

War-damaged buildings collapsed in Western Germany, killing 20 persons, 10 of them in Cologne. A man died in Rome when winds toppled the walls of a building. The roof of a Yorkshire (England) house was blown in, killing a woman.

The gales closed landing fields throughout Western Germany and halted the Berlin airlift. Gusts of up to 60 miles an hour tipped the wings of some of the huge four-engine planes as they taxied up to the runways at Tempelhof Airport in Berlin and it was decided to suspend operations. A big snow covered the Berlin area.

Trees and walls were blown down, roofs were ripped off and shop windows were blown out by the freakish weather in many areas of England and the continent.

Ten ships were grounded, six off the Dutch coast, three off Denmark and one off Scotland.

Property damage in Britain alone was expected to total about \$50,000 (\$200,000). The British coasts were lashed by gusts which at their peak were recorded officially at 76 miles an hour.

Dredge Worker, Blown Into Potomac, Drowns

A workman on a dredge drowned this morning when a strong gust of wind apparently blew him over the side of a small boat in the Potomac River about 2 miles south of Alexandria.

The Smoot Sand & Gravel Co., owner of the dredge, identified the victim as William D. Fitzgerald, about 40, of Charlottesville, Va. He made his home here aboard the dredge.

Fairfax County police quoted Lawrence S. Morris, operator of the dredge, as saying Mr. Fitzgerald stepped into a small "flat boat" alongside the dredge, and while stooped over, the wind caught him off balance and toppled him into the water. The body was recovered a short while later, but efforts to revive him were futile.